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1. The Commander, U.S. Army North Atlantic Treaty Organization (USANATO) is delegated authority to award the Bronze Star Medal (BSM) and all lesser decorations to U.S. Army Soldiers assigned or attached to USANATO deployed to Iraq in support of the NATO Training Mission - Iraq. This authority will not be further delegated.
2. Awards of the Purple Heart (PH) to USANATO Soldiers who are wounded as the direct result of enemy action must be considered IAW paragraph 2-8, AR 600-8-22. Requests for exception to policy for award of the PH will be forwarded to USA HRC (AHRC-PDO-PA) for decision. Wartime awards approval authorities are no longer authorized to revoke award of the PH. Requests for revocation of erroneously award PHs must be staffed through the Commander, USANATO, to USA HRC for processing.
3. All wartime award recommendations higher than the BSM (to include Legion of Merit) will be forwarded to USA HRC for further processing.
4. To preserve the integrity of the Army awards program and to ensure meaningful recognition for truly deserving Soldiers, special care should be exercised so that military decorations for meritorious and valorous achievement or service are only approved for those Soldiers who truly distinguish themselves from among their comrades by exceptional performance in combat or in support of combat operations.
5. Awards presented in recognition of service for valor and achievement must be accurately recorded so that data may be captured for historical and policy evaluation purposes. The number of decorations awarded will be included in a monthly report indicating awards presented by category (valor, service, or achievement) and by component (active, reserve, and national guard). Also a by-name alphabetical listing of all valor awards should be incorporated. Reports must be forwarded to the Military Awards Branch (awards@hoffman.army.mil) in a timely manner. The initial report must be submitted no later than 15 Nov 05 and should cover the period through 31 Oct 05. A report is required to be submitted monthly thereafter NLT the 15th of the following month.
6. The authority to award wartime awards will be reviewed regularly as the tactical situation dictates and automatically terminates 180 days after completion of combat operations. Further delegation will be authorized if deemed appropriate by the Army leadership.
7. Unit award approval authority has not been delegated, therefore, unit award recommendations will be forwarded to USA HRC for further processing.
8. Wartime awards for members of other services and foreign military has not been delegated, therefore recommendations must be forwarded to USA HRC for final decision. Wartime awards will not be made to a member of another military service without concurrence from the military department concerned. The necessary concurrences will be requested by forwarding the recommendation for award directly to the headquarters of that service.
9. For clarification of guidance provided contact the Military Awards Branch at awards@hoffman.army.mil or DSN 221-9171, Comm (703) 325-9171.